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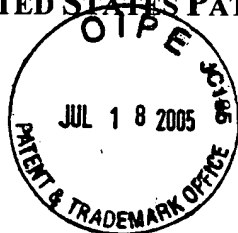
In Re Application of:

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Title: **HIGHLY SENSITIVE GENE DETECTION AND LOCALIZATION USING IN SITU
BRANCHED-DNA HYBRIDIZATION**



Confirmation No.: 9458

Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Jeanine Anne Goldberg

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action for this matter mailed from the Office on March 21, 2003, please reconsider this application in light of the amendments and arguments set forth in this paper. This filing is accompanied by the fee for a one-month extension of time.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims set forth on pages 2 to 8 of this paper.

REMARKS:

Applicants' arguments in support of this application are presented in the remarks set forth on pages 9 to 16 of this paper.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attached to the end of this paper are four inventor Declarations under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131.

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